

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[DA 95-1871]

Finsyn Reports**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.**ACTION:** Suspension of filing deadline.

SUMMARY: The Commission granted a request filed jointly by the National Broadcasting Company, Inc., CBS Inc. and Capital Cities/ABC, Inc. ("Petitioners") that the requirement to file Network Television Program Ownership and Syndication Reports ("Reports") be suspended. The Reports are currently due to be filed by September 1, 1995. The Commission noted that one purpose of the Reports is to facilitate preparation of comments in connection with the Commission's review of the financial interest and syndication ("finsyn") rules prior to the scheduled expiration of those rules. As the comment cycle in that review has now closed, the Commission will not now require additional Reports to be filed. The Commission also recognized that collection and preparation of the information required to be included in the Reports represent a significant burden on Petitioners, and determined that it is not necessary for the Commission to review that information at this time. The intended effect of the Commission's action is to suspend this reporting requirement, while reserving the right to require that the Reports be filed if necessary depending upon the Commission's decision in its review of the finsyn rules.

ADDRESSES: Federal Communications Commission, Washington, D.C. 20554.**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kim Matthews, Mass Media Bureau (202) 776-1563.**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

Adopted: August 28, 1995.

Released: August 28, 1995.

By the Chief, Mass Media Bureau:

1. On August 21, 1995, the National Broadcasting Company, Inc., CBS Inc. and Capital Cities/ABC, Inc. ("Petitioners") filed a joint request that the requirement to file Network Television Program Ownership and Syndication Reports ("Reports"), pursuant to Section 73.661 of the Commission's Rules, 47 CFR 73.661, be suspended until 30 days after the Commission concludes its final review of the Financial Interest and Syndication ("finsyn") rules. The Reports are currently due to be filed by September 1, 1995. 47 CFR 73.661(f).

2. The reporting requirements set forth in Section 73.661 were adopted in connection with revisions made by the Commission to the finsyn rules in May 93.¹ At that time, the Commission substantially relaxed its finsyn rules and established a timetable for their complete expiration. The reporting requirements were intended to "help the Commission monitor the efficacy of the rule changes adopted * * * and oversee the networks' conduct in the program acquisition and syndication markets."² The Commission also noted "the data collected pursuant to these requirements should prove useful in conducting the scheduled review of the new finsyn regime * * *."³

3. The finsyn rules are presently scheduled to expire on November 10, 1995. The Commission commenced its scheduled review of network activities in the financial interest and syndication areas on April 5, 1995.⁴ The burden of proof was placed on those parties seeking continued restrictions. The comment cycle in that proceeding closed in June 1995.

4. Petitioners contend that compilation, preparation and filing of the Reports require a significant amount of time and effort on their part. Petitioners also argue that there is no reason to require them to undertake this effort in view of the status of the Commission's review of the finsyn rules.

5. At the present time, we believe it is not necessary for the Commission to review the information required to be submitted by Petitioners pursuant to Section 73.661. The Reports required by that provision must identify all network prime time entertainment programs and all first-run non-network programs in which the network has financial interests or syndication rights, 47 CFR 73.661(a), and provide information regarding independent syndicators who hold the active syndication rights for these programs. 47 CFR 73.661(c). The Reports must also list the sales to broadcast stations of any such programming the networks actively syndicate. 47 CFR 73.661(b). We recognize that collection and preparation of this information represents a significant burden on Petitioners, and do not believe it is necessary to require them to undertake

¹ Second Report and Order in MM Docket No. 90-162 (58 FR 28927, May 18, 1993). The Report and Order revised existing reporting requirements in Section 73.661 to reflect changes being made to the finsyn rules.

² *Id.* at 28931.

³ *Id.*

⁴ Notice of Proposed Rule Making in MM Docket No. 95-39 (60 FR 19562, April 19, 1995).

this effort at this time. One purpose of the Reports is to facilitate preparation of comments in connection with our review of the finsyn rules. A number of Reports were filed, and the comment cycle has closed. Accordingly, we will not now require that additional Reports be filed.

6. Accordingly, *it is ordered* that the request by the National Broadcasting Company, Inc., CBS Inc. and Capital Cities/ABC, Inc. to suspend the deadline to file the Reports required by Section 73.661 of our rules is granted to the extent detailed herein.

7. *It is further ordered* That grant of this request is without prejudice to the Commission's right to require that such Reports be filed if necessary depending upon the Commission's decision in MM Docket No. 95-39.

8. This action is taken pursuant to authority found in Sections 4(i) and 303(r) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. 154(i) and 303(r), and Sections 0.204(b), 0.283, and 1.45 of the Commission's Rules, 47 CFR 0.204(b), 0.283, and 1.45.

Federal Communications Commission.

Roy J. Stewart,

Chief, Mass Media Bureau.

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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION**Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review**

The GSA hereby gives notice under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980 that it is requesting the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve a new information collection, Federal Supply Contracts—Cooperative Purchasing.

GSA will use the information to identify to state and local governments those schedule contractors that are participating in Cooperative Purchasing and those that are not. If the information were not collected individual activities would be forced to contact individual contractors, on a recurring basis, to determine their participation status.

AGENCY: Office of GSA Acquisition Policy.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Edward Springer, GSA Desk Officer, Room 3235, NEOB, Washington, DC 20503, and Mary L. Cunningham, GSA Clearance Officer, General Services Administration (CAIR), 18th & F Streets NW., Washington, DC 20405.

ANNUAL REPORTING BURDEN: 7,000 responses per year, 12 minutes per response annual burden hours 1400.
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ida Ustad (202-501-1043).

COPY OF PROPOSAL: A copy of this proposal may be obtained from the Information Collection Management Branch (CAIR), Room 7102, GSA Building, 18th & F Streets, NW, Washington, DC 20405, or by telephoning (202) 501-2691, or by faxing your request to (202) 501-2727.

Dated: September 6, 1995.

Kenneth S. Stacey,

Acting Director, Information Management Division (CAI).

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the Secretary

Findings of Scientific Misconduct

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Office of Research Integrity (ORI) has made final findings of scientific misconduct in the following case:

Catherine Kerr, St. Mary's Hospital: The Office of Research Integrity (ORI) conducted an investigation into possible scientific misconduct on the part of Ms. Catherine Kerr while she was a data coordinator at St. Mary's Hospital, Montreal, Quebec. ORI concluded that Ms. Kerr committed scientific misconduct by falsifying and fabricating the dates of tests or examinations required prior to study entry for one woman entered on the Breast Cancer Prevention Trial (BCPT). She also fabricated laboratory results and falsified dates of laboratory tests used to follow the progress of another woman entered on the trial. The BCPT is coordinated by the National Surgical Adjuvant Breast and Bowel Project (NSABP) and supported by the National Cancer Institute and the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute. Because the BCPT is still in progress, no conclusions or results have been published and no clinical recommendations have been based on the results of the study.

Ms. Kerr originally appealed but later withdrew her request for a hearing on the ORI findings and administrative actions, which require that, for a period of three years, any institution that proposes Ms. Kerr's participation in PHS-supported research must submit a

supervisory plan designed to ensure the scientific integrity of her contribution. Ms. Kerr is also prohibited from serving in any advisory capacity to PHS for a period of three years.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Director, Division of Research Investigations, Office of Research Integrity, 5515 Security Lane, Suite 700, Rockville, MD 20852.

Lyle W. Bivens,

Director, Office of Research Integrity.

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Administration for Children and Families

New and Pending Demonstration Project Proposals Submitted Pursuant to Section 1115(a) of the Social Security Act: August 1995

AGENCY: Administration for Children and Families, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice lists new proposals for welfare reform and combined welfare reform/Medicaid demonstration projects submitted to the Department of Health and Human Services for the month of August, 1995. It includes both those proposals being considered under the standard waiver process and those being considered under the 30 day process. Federal approval for the proposals has been requested pursuant to section 1115 of the Social Security Act. This notice also lists proposals that were previously submitted and are still pending a decision and projects that have been approved since August 1, 1995. The Health Care Financing Administration is publishing a separate notice for Medicaid only demonstration projects.

Comments: We will accept written comments on these proposals. We will, if feasible, acknowledge receipt of all comments, but we will not provide written responses to comments. We will, however, neither approve nor disapprove any new proposals under the standard application process for at least 30 days after the date of this notice to allow time to receive and consider comments. Direct comments as indicated below.

ADDRESSES: For specific information or questions on the content of a project contact the State contact listed for that project.

Comments on a proposal or requests for copies of a proposal should be addressed to: Howard Rolston, Administration for Children and Families, 370 L'Enfant Promenade SW.,

Aerospace Building, 7th Floor West, Washington DC 20447. FAX: (202) 205-3598 PHONE: (202) 401-9220.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Under section 1115 of the Social Security Act (the Act), the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) may approve research and demonstration project proposals with a broad range of policy objectives.

In exercising her discretionary authority, the Secretary has developed a number of policies and procedures for reviewing proposals. On September 27, 1994, we published a notice in the **Federal Register** (59 FR 49249) that specified (1) the principles that we ordinarily will consider when approving or disapproving demonstration projects under the authority in section 1115(a) of the Act; (2) the procedures we expect States to use in involving the public in the development of proposed demonstration projects under section 1115; and (3) the procedures we ordinarily will follow in reviewing demonstration proposals. We are committed to a thorough and expeditious review of State requests to conduct such demonstrations.

On August 16, 1995, the Secretary published a notice in the **Federal Register** (60 FR 158) exercising her discretion to request proposals testing welfare reform strategies in five areas. Since such projects can only incorporate provisions included in that announcement, they are not subject to the Federal notice procedures. The Secretary proposed a 30 day approval process for those provisions. As previously noted, this notice lists all new or pending welfare reform demonstration proposals under section 1115. Where possible, we have identified the proposals being considered under the 30 day process. However, the Secretary reserves the right to exercise her discretion to consider any proposal under the 30 day process if it meets those criteria in the five specified areas and the State requests it or concurs.

II. Listing of New and Pending Proposals for the Month of August, 1995

As part of our procedures, we are publishing a monthly notice in the **Federal Register** of all new and pending proposals. This notice contains proposals for the month of August, 1995.

Project Title: California - Work Pays Demonstration Project (Amendment).

Description: Would amend Work Pays Demonstration Project by adding